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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-15-03**  
**January 20, 2015**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 et seq., Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, statement of basis, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Seeley Lake Sewer District

FACILITY NAME: Seeley Lake Sewer District Water Resource and Recovery Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: Proposed site is located two miles northeast of Seeley Lake, just south of Cottonwood Lakes Road and just west of the DNRC airport.

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001 – Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000234

A determination has been made by DEQ to issue a new Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS) permit, MTX000234, to Seeley Lake Sewer District for the Seeley Lake Sewer District Water Resource and Recovery Facility. This permitting action authorizes discharge of treated domestic wastewater to ground water.

The proposed facility will serve as a centralized collection, treatment and disposal system for residents and businesses located within the sewer district. The proposed facility may replace existing on-site septic tank and drainfield systems which currently serve the community.

The proposed facility will treat domestic wastewater utilizing a Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) biological nutrient removal system, along with ultraviolet (UV) disinfection. DEQ recognizes that in comparison to existing conventional septic systems, the proposed treatment system may:

- Provide a higher level of treatment for nutrients; and,

- Provide treatment for pathogens and viruses (bacteria).

The proposed facility will use subsurface structures (Outfall 001) to discharge treated wastewater to underlying groundwater. The discharge structure's proposed location is: Northeast ¼ of Section 36, Township 17 North, Range 15 West; 47.1871° North Latitude and -113.4513° West Longitude; Powell County.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS February 19, 2015. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS February 19, 2015 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permit. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail Barb Sharpe at [bsharpe@mt.gov](mailto:bsharpe@mt.gov).

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1024).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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